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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

This increase to the basic facilities charge a fixed cost is unreasonable to ask for on top of the proposed 12.1 percent 2019 rate increase. Consume income has not and is not keeping pace with the proposed increases from this power company. I ask that you do not allow the the increase for the basic facilities charge a fixed cost.

Sincerely,  
Gerald Frech

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